

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 16, 2012

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 67

Introduced by Senator Huff

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Pan, and Wieckowski)*

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 67—Relative to Food Allergy Awareness Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 67, as amended, Huff. Food Allergy Awareness Week.

This measure would designate the week of May 13 through May 19, 2012, as Food Allergy Awareness Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, As many as 15 million Americans have food
2 allergies, nearly six million of whom are children under 18 years
3 of age; and
4 WHEREAS, Research shows that the prevalence of food
5 allergies is increasing among children; and
6 WHEREAS, The eight foods that cause 90 percent of all food
7 allergy reactions in the United States are shellfish, fish, milk, egg,
8 tree nuts, peanuts, soy, and wheat. Symptoms of a food-allergic
9 reaction can include hives, vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory distress,
10 and swelling of the throat; and
11 WHEREAS, According to the federal Centers for Disease
12 Control and Prevention, food allergy reactions result in more than
13 300,000 ambulatory care visits each year involving a children

1 under 18 years of age. A food allergy reaction typically occurs
2 when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an
3 ingredient to which he or she is allergic; and

4 WHEREAS, There is no cure for a food allergy, and scientists
5 do not understand why food allergies occur. Strict avoidance of
6 the offending food is the only way to prevent an allergic reaction;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is
9 rapid in onset and may cause death; and

10 WHEREAS, The Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN)
11 is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to raising awareness
12 about food allergy and anaphylaxis; now, therefore, be it

13 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
14 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
15 week of May 13 through May 19, 2012, as Food Allergy
16 Awareness Week, and wishes to promote statewide awareness of
17 food allergies; and be it further

18 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
19 this resolution to the Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network and
20 to the author for appropriate distribution.